

REMARKS

Claims 21-25 and 31-48 are pending in the application upon entry of the new claims herein. Claim 21 has been amended to replace the acronym "POSS" (in the second occurrence in the original claim 21) with the full term. Claims 33-48 have been added to further describe the invention. All of the new claims are dependent claims and do not therefore raise new search issues. The new claims generally correspond to the subject matter of claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 22. Support for new claim 40 exists in the specification, for example, at page 10, line 5. Favorable reconsideration in light of the new claims and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

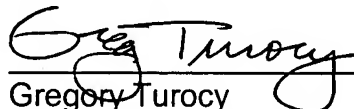
The courteous and helpful remarks of the Examiner during the October 28, 2004 telephone interview are noted with appreciation.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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